

## Press Release

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On November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2012 the Lake County Sheriff's Office was dispatched to the area of 10869 Girdled Rd. in Concord Township regarding a hit-skip accident. Deputies were advised that a black Chevy Suburban was last seen leaving the site of the crash.

The investigation showed that Mark Mills of 16027 Thompson Rd. in Thompson was delivering fuel to the residence at 10869 Girdled Rd. in Concord Township. He was backing into the residence and  $^{3}$ 4 of the way into the drive when he was struck by William Wyatt of 10800 Buckingham Pl., in Concord Township, who was driving a 1999 GMC Suburban, black in color. Wyatt then immediately fled the scene.

As Wyatt fled the scene his tire was deflated. In his attempt to flee the scene he shredded his passenger side front tire and began driving on the steel rim. Responding to witnesses who followed Wyatt, Lt. Todd Menmuir and Deputy Allan Moon were able to track the black suburban to 10800 Buckingham Pl., in Concord Township where they found the gouge marks in the roadway leading into the driveway at this address. There they encountered William Wyatt who appeared to be intoxicated. At first he stated he did not know what they were speaking about when they inquired about the accident. However, when they explained the accident, and the damage to his vehicle being consistent with witness accounts, Wyatt admitted to striking the vehicle and fleeing the scene.

Wyatt was administered field sobriety tests and he failed those tests. He was arrested for operating a vehicle under the influence (OVI). Wyatt was tested and found to be intoxicated. Having admitted to driving the vehicle involved in the accident and being intoxicated at the time of the crash he was booked into the Lake County jail for OVI.

The accident remains under investigation.

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